

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

Welcome to November! Some of you will go to the polls on November 6 to work. (Thank you for your service!) Some of you will go to the polls to vote. And some of you will have voted, or soon will vote by mail. Whatever and however, please remember to VOTE on or about Tuesday, November 6. We need to be heard!

November's full Moon is on Thursday, November 22. (Thanksgiving night. Check it out when you are walking off that big turkey dinner.) It was called the Beaver Moon by both the Algonquin tribes and colonial Americans. This was the month to set beaver traps before the swamps froze, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs. Other Native American tribes called it the Full Frost Moon.

Sunday, November 11 is Veterans Day. A good day to fly your flag.

Saturday, November 17 is Big Game - Stanford vs. Cal! It will be at Cal this year, time to be determined. Who will get the Axe?

Thursday, November 22 is Thanksgiving Day. A chance to celebrate with family and friends..

Time to sign up for our year-end Holiday Party! It is the second Wednesday, December 12. Choose the entree for you and your guest and mail it with your check to Bob Simons.

Our Birthday Boy for November is Jim Stevens. Shake his hand and say Happy Birthday. Our October drawing was won by Bob Hertz. Remember, you have to show your SIR business card to be the winner!

Our October guest was Phil Bernstein, introduced by Howard Trudeau. So, who will you bring to introduce to SIR Branch 5?

You are invited to join our Branch-5 activities. Golf every Thursday at nearby courses - Contact Howard Trudeau at (408) 257-6703

or htrudeau@aol.com. Bocce every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Hillview Senior Center in Los Altos - Contact Carl Orta at (650) 868-5221 or carlcal54@sbcglobal.net.

Bowling every Tuesday at 12:45 PM at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino - Contact Tim Eastham at (650) 346-2449. Cards after our monthly meeting. Guests are always welcome at any of our activities.

MENU, November 10

Salad:

Spring Mix Greens
Tomato and Cucumber,
Vinegrette

Three Bean

Entrees

Spinach and Cheese
Tortellilini , al pesto
Beef Stroganoff

Dessert"

Ice Cream

Then, saunter on down to Michaels at noon on Wednesday, November 12 (note, second Wednesday this month to avoid conflict with your plans for Thanksgiving) . Bring a friend - we will buy his lunch!

We will see you there!

Foster T. Kinney, Big Sir
fostertkinney@gmail.com
(650) 299-9479

SPEAKER

My 30 Years with the California Department of Corrections is the title of our November speaker's presentation.

Terrance Hunter was born in Charleston, West Virginia, in 1959. He loved playing baseball and basketball, as a kid. At 17, he graduated from Charleston High School, and received an AA Degree from Chapman University, in Orange, CA

In 1995, he became involved with the Alternatives to Violence Project and became a facilitator. The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) is a non-violence advocacy organization. In addition to offering community workshops for adults, AVP also conducts workshops for youth. The objective is to introduce and provide conflict resolution skills to participants.

In 2006, Terrance joined Toastmasters International. Toastmasters is known for training more income earning public speakers, than any other organization in the world. Terrance has held several leadership positions, since becoming a member of Toastmasters. He is a former Vice President Education and former President, of True Talking Toastmasters, a Silicon Valley Toastmasters Club. Terrance also was the Toastmasters International Area B6 Director, for the city of Cupertino, from 2017-2018.

In addition to earning a living as a Receiving Specialist, Terrance has a small commercial building maintenance business and a small greeting card business.

In acknowledgment of the mistakes he has made in life, Terrance spends a great deal of his time, reaching out to troubled and at-risk youth. He shares his mistakes and short-comings with youth, in hope of deterring them from victimizing themselves and others.

SIR BRANCH 5 HOLIDAY PARTY

**DECEMBER 12, 2018,
SOCIAL TIME 11:00 AM
LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM**

**3. GUESTS AND SPOUSES
4. INVITED**

**LUNCHES INCLUDE SEASONAL
CHOICE OF FOUR ENTREES –**

Continued—

PLEASE SELECT ONE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION

- 1. PORK LOIN ROAST, GREEN PEPPERCORN SAUCE.
- 2. BREAST OF CHICKEN, CORDON BLEU
- 3. BROILED SALMON, LEMON BEURRE BLANC
- 4. WILD MUSHROOM CREPES (VEGETARIAN)

LUNCHES INCLUDE SEASONAL GREENS, VEGETABLES, POTATO DU JOUR, FRENCH ROLLS AND VANILLA ICE CREAM WITH CRÈME DE MENTHE SAUCE

RAFFLE PRIZES

\$35.00 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE

RESERVATION FORMS AT OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS
LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS – DECEMBER 3

BOB SIMONS (408) 246-4374
rwsswr@comcast.net or
FOSTER KINNEY (650) 299-9479
fostertkinney@gmail.com

November Branch 5 Calendar

November 1 - Golf at Sunnyvale
– 9:30 AM

November 6 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

November 8 - Golf at Shoreline
– 9:30 AM

November 14 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels - 11:00 AM

- **Note: 2nd Wednesday**

November 15 - Golf at Moffett
– 9:51 AM – Time Subject to Change

November 20 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

November 22 – Thanksgiving –
No Golf

November 29 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM

December 4 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

Attendance Report

October 24th
31 Members
1 speaker

1 guest
33 total
Tom Donahue

November-December Birthdays

- Nov 1 Peter Brooks
- Nov 14 Roger Teter
- Nov 29 James Stevens
- Dec 3 John Hornberger
- Dec 14 Jere Austin
- Dec 23 Jon Raymond
- Dec 28 Robert Hertz

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SIR Branch 5 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018– 10:00 AM

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.
- 2. A quorum was confirmed. In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Pete LoPresto, Carl Orta, Foster Kinney, Roy Dreisbach, Gary Hornberger, Howard Trudeau, Paul Butler, Albert Stratz, Bob Simons, Tom Donahue and Lester Spring.
- 3. There were no visitors or guests.
- 4. The minutes of September 26, 2018 were approved.
- 5. Big SIR report:
 - a. Foster reported that he received a list of members who are not attending meetings. He stated that he left messages for some of the members to assess why they were not attending. There was a discussion regarding members who were expected to leave and also members who were expected to stay on. Several members live out of town some portions of the year which was taken into account. Foster stated that we would come to a decision on status of membership in January. Foster said it was helpful to contact the people directly and talk to them because he discovered that some were experiencing health issues and it was helpful to make the connection.
 - b. The holiday party will be the second Wednesday in December, December 12. Bob Simons has prepared the call out for registrations for the event and those letters will be distribut-

ed at today’s meeting. It was reported that Carole is maintaining the same price per meal which allows SIR-5 to maintain the same price at \$35. Bob will be collecting the money in advance and we are utilizing last year’s budget. Roy volunteered to take care of assembly of the gifts for the raffle and it was reported that there are seven bottles of wine available. JW Whittier is expected to produce some of the door prizes and Jerry Healy is also participating in securing prizes. Roy stated that he will pick up two boxes of chocolates and he also mentioned that he has a wine stopper to contribute. Bob said that there would be 16 to 18 prizes available for approximately 30 members who are expected to attend. Chris volunteered to bring a portable speaker in the event that the PA system is not available.

- c. It was reported that new members this year include Steve Parsons, Phil Volmer, John Lakstigala and Lee Dove. Foster stated that in November we would talk about the roster and expected changes. Howard, Al and Pete volunteered to talk to several members that they know to determine their status prior to the meeting.
- 6. Secretary’s Report – Chris Vasquez had nothing to report.
- 7. Treasurer’s Report and approval – Pete LoPresto passed out the treasurer’s report (attached.) He reported that last months’ income was \$625 with expenses of \$634.50. This represented a loss of \$9.50, with a year-to-date gain of \$257.96. He stated that most funds came from the holiday party. He stated that last month 27 meals were billed with 25 members paying, one speaker and one member receiving a free meal for their birthday. He stated 57 of 58 member dues have been collected with a 98% participation rate.
- 8. Committee Reports

Attendance – Pete reported out the attendance figures in the treasurer’s report.

Membership - Paul reported that Greg Kemist resigned and that we have 57 active members. He stated that he researched if we had a member who had a CPA back ground and no one was identified. (Membership report attached.)

Recruiting/Retention –Bob Simons had nothing to report.

Speakers – Al Stratz referred to past announcements of speaker

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information that included John Suckow who would talk about Moffett museum and the artifacts contained there today. In November Terrance Hunter will talk about “my 30 years with the California department of corrections“. In December Mark Shargel will talk about “looking up and looking down“. This presentation will be about his experience as a photographer taking pictures of both the sky and sea.

Activities—Carl Orta – Bocce - Carl reported that the date has not been set for the bocce ball competition with branch 35 and it will probably be in 2019. Carl said he is striving to formulate a photography group and mentioned that one branch has a very nice set up with the use of a facility at the Silicon Valley foundation.

Howard Trudeau - **Golf** - Howard reported that the schedule for next week’s golf outings is full with 12 golfers, which includes 11 members and one guest. He stated that reservations have been made for the Sunnyvale golf course and Los Lagos for 2019, and he is working Mountain View and Moffett Field.

Cards - Foster reported that he brought a deck of cards if anybody wants to play after the luncheon today.

9. Old Business:

a. Foster reported there is a need for a party chair and in the meantime Foster and Gary will continue to help organize the parties.

b. Foster and Bob reiterated that the notice for the December party will be put in the bulletin, the minutes and also the letter which is being passed out today. Bob said the cut off for registration will be December 3rd.

c. Foster stated the survey of members who are not attending would be discussed at the November meeting.

d. Dan did not attend today’s meeting but Foster mentioned we expect Dan to organize another Giants events next year and this year we had 12 attendees.

10. New Business:

a. Foster will be looking at 20-year recognition as well as 10 and 15-year recognition. He stated he would present these awards in January. He is also looking at perfect attendance and asked Tom to provide this information. He will be looking at 5-year increments. He expects these awards will be presented in February. Gary stated he would prepare certificates.

b. Howard Trudeau presented the

attached slate of members for officers that was approved by the BEC.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Vasquez, Secretary
SIR Branch 5

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**GOLF**

Sunnyvale golf course

10-4-18

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Jiries Nazzal   | 97 net 66      |
| Steve Parsons   | 90 net 67 CTPP |
| Jim Stevens     | 94 net 68      |
| Gary Hornberger | 93 net 71 CTPP |
| Phil Yurtis     | 97 net 72      |
| Charles Shamieh | 109 net 74     |
| Mark Castro     | 102 net 75     |
| Phil Vollmer    | 109 net 76     |
| Azmi Habib      | 111 net 76     |
| Jere Austin     | 119 net 84     |

Shoreline golf course

10-11-18

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jiries Nazzal   | 100 net 67      |
| Phil Yurtis     | 101 net 75      |
| Jim Stevens     | 104 net 77      |
| Mark Castro     | 105 net 77 CTPP |
| Phil Vollmer    | 112 net 78      |
| Charles Shamieh | 115 net 78      |
| Steve Parsons   | 107 net 83      |
| Howard Trudeau  | 123 net 86      |
| Azmi Habib      | 123 net 86 CTPP |
| Jere Austin     | 123 net 86      |

Moffett Field golf course

10-18-18

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Orville Plum    | 96 net 69       |
| Phil Yurtis     | 98 net 71       |
| Jim Stevens     | 102 net 74      |
| Gary Hornberger | 99 net 76       |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 108 net 76      |
| Howard Trudeau  | 114 net 76      |
| Mark Castro s   | 108 net 78 CTPP |
| Charles Shamieh | 122 net 84      |
| Jere Austin     | 122 net 84      |
| Azmi Habib      | 123 net 85      |
| Steve Parsons   | 111 net 87      |
| Phil Vollmer    | CTPP            |

Los Lagos golf course

10-25-18

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Orville Plum    | 84 net 59       |
| Gary Hornberger | 87 net 65       |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 96 net 66       |
| Charles Shamieh | 106 net 71      |
| Howard Trudeau  | 107 net 72      |
| Jim Stevens     | 99 net 74       |
| Phil Vollmer    | 107 net 74      |
| Mark Castro     | 102 net 75      |
| Ed Nazzal       | 101 net 76CTPP  |
| Azmi Habib      | 111 net 76 CTPP |
| Jere Austin     | 115 net 80      |



Jere Austin sets them straight at Moffett Golf Course. It's a **concrete** path, not a **comment** path.



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MAC Group

MAC users should contact W.A. Ross, <waross@closereach.com> (aka Skip) for information on this group.

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2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The time for renewal of our annual dues of \$30 is approaching. SIR 5 has had an excellent record for the payment of dues for the past 3 years at 100%--100%--and 98%.

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Your dues payment is important to the successful operation of our Branch and helps defray costs for our extra membership events such as the July BBQ and the annual Christmas Party. Thank You..

Pete LoPresto

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**Bocce Ball**

Carl Orta is reserving the two bocce courts from 2:00 - 4:00 PM for members of SIR-5 and their guests.at the Los Altos Senior Center at Hillview. We have enough bocce balls for 8 players, so there is plenty of room. And the cost is FREE!

Please call Carl 650-8685221 ([carlcal54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carlcal54@sbcglobal.net))

Foster 650-299-9479, or email

[fostertkinney@gmail.com](mailto:fostertkinney@gmail.com) (note the extra "t") to tell him you are coming.

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**Tennis:**

Tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park, 777 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, at 8:00 a.m. when doubles are formed. Late arrivals will play as sets are completed. Skill level is about 2.5. Contact is Bob Kamin, 650-322-4300.

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**TRAVEL NEWS FOR AREA**

**16,**

**BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51**

. You can read the State SIR newsletter called SIR HAPPENINGS at the state website

[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/), which includes travel news from other branches .

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**Bowling**

**BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51**

EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
SUNNYVALE.

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**Biking**

**Jim Lunt, 408-252-6804**

**jamesdlunt@yahoo.com** 2nd Thursday— November 8, 2018, 11:00 AM

**Wives and guests welcome Rain cancels; Helmet required**

For many years, SIR has had nine basic rides on the master list. In the past few years, a few riders have ridden some exploratory rides looking to find a new ride. We have found a new ride to become the tenth ride. It is a little more aggressive than the first nine rides.

**San Lorenzo Ride:** The ride is from San Lorenzo to Oakland Airport to Bay Farm Island. It is a very scenic, bay-front trail that's paved and level (including 1 to 2 miles of riding through quiet residential streets)-about 22 miles round trip. We stop about half way for lunch and a little social time. The trail can get a bay breeze so please bring light windbreaker or vest. This ride is much like the Oracle Redwood Shores ride, but on the East Bay side.

**Driving Directions:** From Silicon Valley take I-880 heading North, exit on Hesperian Blvd (about 20 miles from Mt View/ Palo Alto) turning left on to Hesperian Blvd, then right on Grant Avenue and turn right into the trail parking lot. You can google maps it to see the area.

**To ride or for info, contact me (see above) or Gordon Tong at [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com).**

Let us know if you are coming so we can wait for you (the traffic may take a little time).

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**ATTENDANCE**

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